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Memorandum from the Inspector General

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[REDACTED]
G.D. BARRI AND ASSOCIATES INC.
PROJECT CONTROLS SPECIALIST
BREACH OF CONTRACT – TRAVEL EXPENSES
OIG FILE NO. 19-0165

We have completed our investigation into an allegation that [REDACTED], and G.D. Barri and Associates, submitted mileage reimbursement expenses for travel that were not allowed under their contract with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). These travel expenses were submitted by G.D. Barri for [REDACTED] travel to and from TVA's Sequoyah Nuclear Site (SQN) between August 2016 and June 2019, and totaled \$34,173.15. The evidence gathered during our investigation substantiates that these expenses were not reimbursable under the contract.

On June 19, 2015, TVA entered into a labor services contract (TVA – 9770) with G.D. Barri and Associates to provide craft augmented labor services. As part of the contract, G.D. Barri personnel were authorized to receive reimbursement for official travel; one of these reimbursement types is mileage reimbursement. As stated in the contract, "vehicle mileage reimbursement is allowed for official travel from the employee's permanent residence to the TVA work location, where the mileage is at least 100 miles one-way, via the most expeditious and direct route..."

Contract 9770 requires G.D. Barri to ensure each invoice, charge, and expenditure is made in accordance within the provisions of the contract.

According to Google Maps, the mileage from [REDACTED] permanent residence in Knoxville Tennessee, to TVA's Sequoyah site, via the most expeditious direct route is 87.5 miles one-way. This mileage is under the 100 miles one-way travel requirement in the contract. Therefore, [REDACTED] was not entitled to mileage reimbursement for his official travel to and from Sequoyah Nuclear site.

During his interview with the Office of Inspector General (OIG), [REDACTED] advised that he was told by his TVA supervisor, [REDACTED], that anything over 50 miles one way from his permanent residence, could be claimed for mileage reimbursement.

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██████████ TVA supervisor ██████████ was interviewed. ██████████ advised that he approved ██████████ mileage reimbursement because ██████████ had been receiving it prior to reporting to ██████████ while working in Generation Construction.

The evidence shows these travel costs were not reimbursable under the contract and it appears there was confusion between TVA Nuclear Projects group and TVA Supply Chain group about the rules allowing contractors to receive mileage reimbursement. We recommend TVA reeducate the G.D. Barri and Associates on when mileage is permitted under the contract, and resolve the misinterpretation of the contract terminology pertaining to mileage reimbursement between the Nuclear Projects and Supply Chain groups. TVA may also consider recovering the mileage reimbursement paid to ██████████ for his travel to and from Sequoyah Nuclear site between August 2016 and June 2019.

We would appreciate being informed within 30 days of your determination of what action is appropriate on the basis of our report. In addition, if you decide to take documented action in this matter, we would appreciate your sending a copy of the relevant information to this office for our file.

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